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SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE-SOVIET VIEWS ON FURTHER FOLLOW-UP

REF: BELGRADE 8640

1. DEL OFF LEARNED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REP (DONDRACHEV) THAT SOVIET DEL CAN ACCEPT DANISH FOLLOW-UP PAPER (REFTEL) WITH CERTAIN RESERVATIONS. FIRSTLY, THEY WOULD PREFER TWO-WEEK PREPARATORY MEETING HELD APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO MAIN MEETING. SECONDLY, THEY DO NOT LIKE BILATERAL FORMULA FOR DECIDING LEVEL OF NEXT SIMILAR MEETING AND WOULD PREFER THAT THIS MATTER BE DECIDED AT NEXT PREPARATORY MEETING. IN THEIR VIEW, MATTER OF LEVEL OF MEETING SHOULD REMAIN FLEXIBLE, EACH COUNTRY DETERMINING APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF ITS OWN DELEGATION. WHILE SOVIETS HAVE NO OBJECTION IF SOME DELS MAY WANT TO SEND HIGHER LEVEL DELEGATIONS, THEY INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL RESERVE RIGHT TO SEND LOWER LEVEL DELEGATION IF OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGN MINISTER ARE TOO EXTENSIVE.

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2. SOVIET REP ALSO INDICATED THAT SOVIETS WANT NEXT PREPARATORY MEETING TO BEGIN IN EARLY 1981, WITH MAIN MEETING TO BE HELD IN MIDDLE OF YEAR, BUT LEFT IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR FLEXIBILITY ON THIS MATTER. REFERRING TO SITE OF NEXT FOLLOW-UP MEETING, SOVIET REP EMPHASIZED THAT HIS DEL IS GIVING EQUAL CONSIDERATION TO

MADRID AND VIENNA. HE EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE OF HIS
DEL THAT NEXT FOLLOW-UP MEETING BE HELD IN NEUTRAL/
NON-ALIGNED CAPITAL BUT INDICATED THAT SPAIN COULD BE
INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY, GIVEN "CERTAIN ASSURANCES".
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